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Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

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The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) is a partnership working to protect the natural environment from Venice to Bonita Springs to Winter Haven. The CHNEP is pleased to provide you with this 14-month calendar (November 2008 to December 2009) in hopes that it will inspire you to do more to protect southwest Florida.

The CHNEP asked people to submit up to three images — of any medium created anytime — of the beauty of the natural environment found in the Greater Charlotte Harbor Watershed. We then asked you to take an online survey to



select from the images submitted those you would like included in the calendar. The result is this calendar.

We encourage you to enjoy the calendar this year and to frame images to enjoy once the year is over. If you do not wish to use this calendar, please give it away. Once the year is over, please consider donating the calendar to a teacher for classroom projects.

Holidays listed are limited to those recognized by the

federal government as well as Mother's Day and Father's Day. Please visit the website at www.CHNEP.org to find an easy reference to other holidays, including religious holidays, which you can add as you desire.

This calendar is mailed to subscribers of the CHNEP's free newsletter, *Harbor Happenings*. Copies are also available for pickup at select locations throughout the watershed and at select events. If you are not already receiving *Harbor Happenings*, please subscribe to stay in touch and learn about the many "happenings" in the Greater Charlotte Harbor Watershed.

What do you think? Please take a few minutes now to let us know what you think of this calendar by completing an evaluation found in this calendar and a longer version posted on the website at www.CHNEP.org. Your response will help determine if a 2010 calendar will be produced. The decision to produce the program's sixth annual calendar will be made in May 2009.

By July 14, 2009, the CHNEP encourages you to submit up to three images that capture the beauty of the natural environment found within the CHNEP study area for the 2010 calendar. The images could have been captured by the young or old, amateur or professional, today or 50 years ago and in any medium (photography, oil, illustration, etc.). The goal is that the 2010 calendar will depict the diversity and beauty of the natural environment found within this geographic area, which may include landscapes, rivers, streams, estuaries, native plants and native wildlife.

In August 2009, we will ask you to select the images that you believe best depict the beauty of the natural environment in the CHNEP study area. The 2010 calendar will then be distributed by November 2009.